***WHEN:*** Date / Time

***WHERE***: School / Venue

***WHAT:*** School welcomes the Box Out Bullying National Tour

Area schools will join the over 100,000 students and staff per year that have experienced the interactive, award-winning, and research-based BOX OUT BULLYING presentation.

While there are countless efforts to address the alarming rise of bullying, none is as lively and age-appropriate as BOX OUT BULLYING. Woven into the national touring performance are serious lessons that give students answers they need to sustain a positive school culture.

“Bullying doesn’t just affect the school, but the entire school community,” said Jeremy Rubenstein, Founder and Creative Director of Box Out Bullying. Over 160,000 students skip school everyday because of fear.

Schools around the country are working to meet the challenge – by creating school-wide bullying prevention policies, training for staff, and updating district behavior policies.

“What makes Box Out Bullying so great is that it’s more than a once-and-done show.” added Mr. Rubenstein.

Schools receive BOX OUT BULLYING’s comprehensive resource kits with follow-up materials, posters, and on-spot intervention cards to extend bullying prevention activities throughout the year.

To address bullying prevention on all levels of the student experience, districts have used the Box Out Bullying Prevention Program (BOBPP) which includes faculty professional development and parent workshops.

As the BOX OUT BULLYING’s interactive performance unfolds, students are empowered with clear, consistent messages regarding bystander empowerment, addressing potential problems, and creating empathy. Teachers come away with new insights too, as many adults don’t realize the difference between bullying and conflict.

“We make sure that students learn by seeing, listening, and doing. It’s much more effective in message retention,” added Mr. Rubenstein. To make each presentation age-appropriate, students will either serve as participants to help hit messages home, or be engaged through “call and response” sections with the professional presenters.

All students have the opportunity to show off their socio-emotional intelligence with a fun-filled “Game Show.” To win, contestants compete in age-appropriate games dealing with the lessons introduced during the assembly.

Founded in 2008 by Jeremy Rubenstein, BOX OUT BULLYING tours the nation’s schools and communities using the power of live theater and interactive media to help sustain a positive school environment. According to US Department Of Education-sponsored evaluations, BOX OUT BULLYING programs dramatically improve the socio-emotional intelligence of students, parents, and staff. For activities and resources, visit boxoutbullying.com.